

 [chromatography], wherein a mobile phase of the chromatography comprises supercritical carbon dioxide or liquid carbon dioxide.

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during an Examiner's Interview at the U.S. Patent Office on December 7, 2000. With a view toward the Examiner's helpful comments at the interview, claim 1 has been amended as set forth above.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the process is carried out using a "normal phase column chromatographic technique." Support for this amendment is found in the specification, at for example, page 5, line 26 to page 7, line 4 (Example) and Figure 2 (Flow Diagram of the column chromatographic technique used).

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendment. Accordingly, entry of the amendment prior to examination on the merits, and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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